

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

151514Z Feb 05

UNCLAS MADRID 000607

SIPDIS

ITA/MAC/EUR/PDACHER/4212;
ITA/MAC/EUR/DAS/ESTEWART/4212;
USFCS/OIO/EUR/PBUCHER/TMOORE/3133

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [BEXP](#) [SP](#)

SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR A/S WILLIAM LASH AND
EUR DAS ERIC STEWART.

[1](#)1. COUNTRY CLEARANCE IS GRANTED FOR ITA
A/S WILLIAM LASH AND EUR DAS ERIC STEWART TO TRAVEL
TO MADRID, SPAIN FEBRUARY 16 THROUGH 18, 2005.

[1](#)2. WE CONFIRM HOTEL RESERVATION FROM FEBRUARY 16
UNTIL FEBRUARY 18 (2- NIGHTS) FOR MESSRS. LASH AND
STEWART AT:

HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL
PASEO DE LA CASTELLANA, 49
28046 MADRID
TEL.: 34-91-700-7300

PRICE PER ROOM: 165.00 EUROS PLUS 7% TAX. (NO
BREAKFAST INCLUDED).

MR. LASH'S RESERVATION NO. IS 67170948 AND
MR. STEWART'S RESERVATION NO. IS 67171044.

[1](#)3. TRAVELER SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SPAIN REQUIRES A
VISA FOR OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

[1](#)4. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

IN GENERAL, SPAIN IS SAFE. HOWEVER, MADRID,
BARCELONA AND OTHER LARGE CITIES IN SPAIN -
INCLUDING RESORT/CONVENTION AREAS SUCH AS
BENIDORM - ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER OF CRIMINALS AND
PICKPOCKETS AND FREQUENT INCIDENTS OF CRIME OF
OPPORTUNITY AGAINST THE UNWARY DO OCCUR. CARRY ONLY
ESSENTIAL ITEMS INCLUDING A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR
PASSPORT'S PHOTO PAGE. VISITORS CAN PROTECT
THEMSELVES AGAINST CRIME BY BEING STREET-SMART,
ALERT AND AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. IN THE EVENT
YOU ARE VICTIMIZED BY CRIME, OR EXPERIENCE ANY
SECURITY-RELATED INCIDENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE
EMBASSY'S REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE AT 91-587-2550 OR
AFTER HOURS AT 91-587-2355. OFFICIAL VISITORS TO
THE EMBASSY IN MADRID OR THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN
BARCELONA ARE ENCOURAGED TO RECEIVE A SECURITY
BRIEFING FROM THE RSO OFFICE AT THEIR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
SAFETY AND SECURITY IN SPAIN IS AVAILABLE ON THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S WEBSITE
([HTTP://WWW.STATE.GOV](http://www.state.gov)) AND THE U.S. EMBASSY'S
WEBSITE ([WWW.EMBUSA.ES](http://www.embusa.es)).

TRAVELERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE MOST RECENT
WORLDWIDE CAUTION ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
AS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP
INFORMATION ON ANY POTENTIAL SECURITY THREATS TO
AMERICANS OVERSEAS, IT SHARES CREDIBLE THREAT
INFORMATION THROUGH ITS CONSULAR INFORMATION PROGRAM
DOCUMENTS, AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT
[HTTP://TRAVEL/STATE.GOV](http://travel.state.gov). IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION
ON THE INTERNET, U.S. TRAVELERS CAN HEAR RECORDED
INFORMATION BY CALLING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. AT 202-647-5225 FROM THEIR TOUCH-
TONE TELEPHONE, OR RECEIVE INFORMATION BY AUTOMATED
TELEFAX BY DIALING 202-647-3000 FROM THEIR FAX
MACHINE.
(CS/KUCHOVA/ORTEGA). MANZANARES.